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WELCOME TO OUR CAMPAIGN NOTEBOOK

1. (U) THIS IS THE TENTH IN A BIWEEKLY SERIES OF REPORTS ON
VENEZUELA'S 1998 ELECTIONS. DIVIDED INTO THREE SECTIONS--CAMPAIGN
NEWS TICKER, VIGNETTES, AND HIGH-FLYERS AND BOTTOM-FEEDERS--WE HOPE
TO USE THIS NOTEBOOK TO BRING YOU BREAKING NEWS, RUMORS AND INSIDER

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GOSSIP, AND PROFILES OF THE MANY POLITICAL HANDLERS, CAMPAIGN WORKERS, AND POLITICIANS WHO WILL MAKE THIS ELECTION HAPPEN. THIS NOTEBOOK IS DESIGNED TO COMPLEMENT OUR REGULAR POLITICAL REPORTING ON THE ELECTIONS, PROVIDING YOU A GLIMPSE OF THE "OFF CAMERA" POLITICS WHICH WILL NOT APPEAR ELSEWHERE.

CAMPAIGN NEWS TICKER

-- (C) IRENE SAEZ, DURING AN OCTOBER 6 CAMPAIGN APPEARANCE IN PUERTO LA CRUZ, WALKED OUT OF A BUILDING AND INTO A SHOOT OUT BETWEEN TWO GANGS. SHE WAS NOT INJURED, AND INSISTED LATER THAT SHE WAS NEVER IN ANY DANGER. NEVERTHELESS, THE FEDERAL DISTRICT DAILY "DIARIO DE CARACAS" REPORTED THAT IRENE HAD BEEN THE OBJECT OF AN ASSASSINATION ATTEMPT. ITS LEAD STORY FEATURED THE SUB-

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TITLE, "IS THIS THE BEGINNING OF CAMPAIGN VIOLENCE." DURING AN OCTOBER 7 CONVERSATION WITH ANDRES MATA, EDITOR OF THE LEADING NATIONAL DAILY "EL UNIVERSAL," MATA CRITICIZED THE DIARIO FOR "SENSATIONALISM." MATA TOLD THE NOTEBOOK, "IT IS VERY DANGEROUS TO TALK ABOUT CAMPAIGN VIOLENCE. AN ATTACK ON A CANDIDATE COULD BE A DETONATOR FOR EVEN WORSE VIOLENCE. WE DID NOT EVEN RUN THE STORY. WHEN I HEARD ABOUT THE SHOOTING INCIDENT, I CALLED IRENE. SHE TOLD ME SHE WAS FINE. I AM SURPRISED THAT ADOLFO (EDITOR OF THE DIARIO DE CARACAS) DID NOT DO THE SAME."

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-- (C) AD, KNOWING A GOOD THING WHEN IT SEES IT, QUICKLY RAN AN AD FEATURING A LARGE VAT OF BOILING OIL AND ACCUSING CHAVEZ OF BEING VIOLENT, AUTHORITARIAN, AND MEAN-SPIRITED. AT THE END OF THIS CAMPAIGN SPOT, A WOMAN, DRESSED IN THE SIMPLE CLOTHES OF A BARRIO-DWELLER AND SURROUNDED BY SIMILAR WOMEN, SHOUTS, "CHAVEZ SAYS HE

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WANTS TO BOIL OUR HEADS IN OIL. WELL..HE IS GOING TO NEED A LOT OF
OIL, BECAUSE HERE IN VENEZUELA...WE ARE ALL ADECOS."

-- (U) THE NATIONAL ELECTORAL COUNCIL DECIDED OCTOBER 7 TO ORDER
AD TO REMOVE THE CHAVEZ AD FROM THE AIRWAVES, ARGUING THAT IT
VIOLATED ARTICLES 204 AND 214 OF THE ELECTORAL LAW. THESE ARTICLES
DO NOT PERMIT CAMPAIGN ADS TO ATTACK THE DIGNITY OF A PERSON (IN
OTHER WORDS, AD HOMINEM ATTACKS AGAINST A CANDIDATE) AND DO NOT
PERMIT THE USE OF PARTY SYMBOLS WITHOUT THE PERMISSION OF THE
PARTY. AD AGREED TO PULL THE AD, BUT PROMISED IT WOULD HAVE A
SIMILAR AD READY FOR TV SPOTS SHORTLY.

-- (C) FOLLOWING HIS SEPTEMBER 25 BREAKFAST MEETING WITH THE
AMBASSADOR, CHAVEZ PREPARED TO LEAVE THE RESIDENCE AND FACE A LARGE
PRESS CROWD WAITING OUTSIDE THE GATES OF THE RESIDENCE. ADMIRING
A BASEBALL BAT WHICH VENEZUELAN HERO AND ATLANTA BRAVES STAR ANDRES
GALARRAGA HAD GIVEN TO THE AMBASSADOR, CHAVEZ SAID, "I SHOULD GO
OUT TO MEET THE PRESS WAVING THIS BAT. THAT WOULD SCARE THE
ADECOS."

-- (C) [REDACTED] THE VENEZUELAN COMPANY OF
MARKETING STUDIES (CVI), CONTINUES HIS POLITICAL POLLING IN SPITE
OF THE LEGAL AND POLITICAL TROUBLES IT HAS CAUSED HIM. HOWEVER, HE
NO LONGER PUBLISHES HIS POLLING RESULTS IN THE PRESS, AND HE HAS

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GIVEN THE CANDIDATES ALIASES SO THAT HIS RESULTS DO NOT CONTAIN THE
NAMES OF THE CANDIDATES. IN CVI POLLING, CHAVEZ IS CALLED "GENGHIS
KAHN." SALAS ROMER GOES BY "IVANHOE." IRENE BY "RAPUNZEL" AND
LUIS ALFARO BY "MERLIN."

-- (U) CHAVEZ WAS SCHEDULED TO SPEAK LAST WEEK AT A SEMINAR
SPONSORED BY THE ASSOCIATION OF INTERNATIONALISTS (CIV), THE
PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATION OF VENEZUELAN DIPLOMATS AND OTHER MEMBERS
OF THE INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS COMMUNITY. CHAVEZ WAS GOING TO LEAD
OFF A SERIES OF FORA DESIGNED TO GIVE EACH MAJOR CANDIDATE A CHANCE
TO TALK ABOUT HIS OR HER FOREIGN POLICY AGENDA. CHAVEZ CANCELLED
AT THE LAST MINUTE, FORCING CIV TO FILL HIS PLACE WITH ALEJANDRO
PENA ESCLUSA, THE CANDIDATE OF THE VENEZUELAN WORKERS PARTY, A
LYNDON LAROCHE-LINKED ORGANIZATION. RAFAEL HERNANDEZ, CIV
PRESIDENT, TOLD THE NOTEBOOK THAT CHAVEZ CANCELLED BECAUSE "HIS
ADVISORS COULD NOT AGREE ON WHAT HE SHOULD SAY." HERNANDEZ SAID
CHAVEZ'S FOREIGN POLICY TEAM CONSISTS OF PACIANO PADRON (FORMER
HEAD OF THE CHAMBER OF DEPUTIES FOREIGN AFFAIRS COMMITTEE), FERMIN
TORO (VENEZUELAN DIPLOMAT AND HEAD OF THE INSTITUTO PEDRO GUAL, THE
FOREIGN MINISTRY'S EQUIVALENT OF THE NFATC), JULIO PORTILLO
(ITINERANT AMBASSADOR AND DIPLOMATIC BUSYBODY), AND MARIA FERNANDA
RAMIREZ (A FORMER FIRST RUNNER UP IN THE MISS VENEZUELA CONTEST AND
A GRADUATE OF COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY).

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TELEVISION PROGRAMMING UNDER A CHAVEZ PRESIDENCY

THE NOTEBOOK, WHICH LEAVES NO STONE UNTURNED IN ITS EFFORT TO BRING YOU THE PANORAMA OF THIS ELECTION, CAME ACROSS THIS EXAMPLE OF WHAT TV PROGRAMMING ON THE GOVERNMENT-OWNED CHANNEL 8 MIGHT BECOME SHOULD CHAVEZ WIN THE ELECTION.

TIME	PROGRAM
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0600	NATIONAL ANTHEM
0610	HOMAGE TO THE FLAG, LED BY PABLO MEDINA
0615	"ALMA LLANERA"
0630	HYMN TO THE TREE

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0645 HYMN TO THE AMERICAS
0700 HYMN TO THE ARMY
0730 THE THREE "O'S" OF DISCIPLINE: ORDEN, ORNATO,
- Y ONRADEZ (ORDER, DECORATION, AND HONOR)
0800 CONTEST: HEROIC PHRASES
0900 DISCIPLINE IN THE HOME
1000 DISCOVER IMPERIALISM
1030 TWENTY WAYS TO PREPARE GRILLED
- MEAT, BEANS, RICE, AND CHEESE (PRESENTED
- BY COLONEL ANGEL LORENZO AND SARGEANT MARIA)
1100 TO WAIVER IS TO LOSE
1130 OLD FACES, OLD FRIENDS (SPONSORED BY THE
- MEDIO CHEESE COMPANY)

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1200 THE HYMNS OF ALL 23 STATES
1220 THE COMMANDANTE'S SPEECH
1245 CONTEST: DENOUNCE YOUR NEIGHBOR
- (PRESENTED BY ELIAS SANTANA)
1300 ACHIEVEMENTS OF THE CONSTITUENT
- ASSEMBLY
1303 PREPARATIONS FOR "FATHERLAND WEEK"
1400 SOAP OPERA: MY FATHERLAND, HOW I LOVE YOU
1500 SOAP OPERA: THE SHIELD OF LOVE
1530 INFOMERCIAL: THE PATRIOTIC BANK OF
- VENEZUELA (PART OF THE MVR GROUP)
1545 FIFTEEN MINUTES OF THE MUSIC OF
- EFE ICE CREAM COMPANY
1600 THE YOUNG PIONEERS CHILDREN'S
- PROGRAM: WE ARE LIKE CHE
1615 AWARD FOR CHILDREN COLLECTORS OF
- USED OIL (OUR GOAL: 2,000
- BARRELS OF RECYCLED OIL PER CHILD)
1630 PATRIOTIC CARTOONS
1700 FORUM: THE CORRECT USE OF THE
- NECKERCHIEF BY YOUNG PIONEERS
1800 CONTEST: "GREAT HOME PHOTOGRAPHERS"
- FEATURING PHOTOS BY STALIN, MUSSOLINI,
- SUBCOMANDANTE MARCOS AND CARLOS FRAGA

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1900 MILITARY-BIBLICAL MOVIE: LET HE WHO HAS
 - EYES SEE, HE WHO HAS EARS LISTEN, AND HE
 - WHO HAS A MOUTH...BETTER NOT SPEAK
 2000 GREAT HORROR MOVIES: PRESENTED
 - BY OSCAR YANES
 2100 MOVIE OF THE NIGHT: "I DISCOVERED
 - THAT THE FATHERLAND IS MY MOTHER"
 2200 DEBATE: REJECTING AND REPUDIATING THE
 - YANKEE IMPERIALISTS' OIL SANCTIONS
 2230 MILITARY CLOTHING FASHION SHOW: PRESENTED
 - BY THE FIRST LADY
 2300 NATIONAL NEWS
 2301 THE GALA AND BALLET OF THE NAVAL AND MILITARY
 - POLICE: MUSIC BY MARTIAL BANDS, CHOREOGRAPHY BY
 - MARCOS PEREZ JIMENEZ
 2345 WORK, WORK, AND MORE WORK

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2400 TWENTY WAYS TO DANCE THE
- "ALMA LLANERA" IN VENEZUELA
0200-
0600 MILITARY MARCHES AND PARADES FROM
- AROUND THE WORLD

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